mated at current exchange rates to be as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Repayment Principal	Payment of Interste
1992-93	3326	3692
1993-94 .	4001	3780
1994-95 . .	4363	3748

Promotion of Urdu by Bureau for promotion of Urdu

*34. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau for promotion of Urdu has failed to act as an effective body and to achieve its goal of promotion of Urdu;

(b) whether Jafri Committee OH Urdu has also expressed its dissatisfaction on the functioning and efficacy of the Bureau; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) In the Report of the Jafri Committee to examine implementation of Recommendations of Gujral Committee for promotion of Urdu, laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 25.7.91, the Commit-tee inter-alia, had reviewed the functioning of Bureau for promotion of Urdu. The Committee felt that, as a Subordinate office of the Department of Education, the Bureau has not been able to discharge its functions effectively. The Committee has accordingly suggested that the status of the Bureau should be changed to an autonomous body in order to arm it with functional freedom and enhanced financial powers.

(c) The Report of Jafri Committee is under process as per procedure

Super Thermal Power project at Mangalore Pending Environmental Clearance

*35. SHRI J. P. JAVALI; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2,400 M. W. Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore, a joint sector Indo-U.S.S.R project is pending for a long time for environmental clearance; and

(b) if so what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The project proposal was first referred in July, 1985 but rejected due to non submission of requisite environmental data. Revised proposal was again submitted in August, 1990 with inadequate data. Complete details on rehabilitation, fly ash management and implications of the proposed Mulki dam are awaited from the project authorities.

Dreaded Disease "Kaposi Sarcome" in the Country

*36. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a press newsitem captioned "Dreaded disease kills one in Madhya Pradesh" as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 16th August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether a new dreaded disease "Kaposi Sarcome" which is prevalent only in Africa has reached the country and is believed to be an incurable disease;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government propose to send a team- of

experts to Madhya Pradesh to find out the exact nature of the disease; and

(d) what steps Goverinment propose to take to check the spread of this disease in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the information available with the Indian Council of Medical Research, Dr. S. Grover Prof, of Pathology, Nagpur Medical College, has diagnosed the disease as 'Kaposi's Sarcoma' on the basis of biopsy conducted by her on Shri Ganesh Somvar. ICMR have sought all the details for reviewing the diagnoses and taking further appropriate action.

Import of Palm Oil

*37. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of palm oil imported during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 indicating its value in faoreign exchange; and

(b) what are the agencies entrusted with its import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The quantity and value of imported Refined Palmolein in indicated below:—

Financial Year	Quantity (Lakh MT)	CIF Value (Rs. crores)
1989-90	2.96	203.60
1990-91	5.38	349.95

(b) State Trading Corporation was entructed with the above imports.

Publication of the writings of Rabindranath Tagore

*38. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the copy rights vested with Vishwa Bharti for the publication of the writings of Rabindranath Tagore are going to terminate on the completion of the 50th year of the death of the poet; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure authentic publication of his writings in future?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH); (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

As Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore died in 1941, the term of copyright in his works (other than any photographs taken by him) published within his life time will expire on 31st December, 1991 under the provisions of Section 22 of the Copyright Act 1957. In the case of posthumous publication of any works, the provisions of Section 24 of the Act will apply and the term of copyright will be 50 years from the beginning of the calendar year next following the year in which the work, or any adaptation of it, was first published. However, if he